Board, published in the weekend Ovserver of 7th March, 1992 ;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what are the reasons for which the services of the Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board were terminated on 2nd December, 1991 without assigning any reason ;

(c) whether any chargesheet was given to the Chairman ;

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard and if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether a new Chairman of Central Pollution Control Board has been appointed, if so, what are his qualifications and other particulars on the basis of which has been appointed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The Government reconstituted the Central Pollution Control Board in public interest and in view of the new policy on the abatement of pollution. The present Chairman is a very senior officer of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, who is also in-charge of the Ganga Project Directorate and Hazardous Substances Management Work.

Clearance of Power Projects

198. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Prime Minister has recently stated that all the power projects held up for want of environmental clearance would be cleared in a month;

(b) if so, the details of power projects pending for environmental clearance ;

(c) since when each of the project is pending for environmental clearance ; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure early clearance of these projects ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) The Prime Minister stated in the conference of the Power Ministers held recently that he would, in a month, review the pending cases of power projects which are said to have been held up for want of environmental and forest clearance, so that final decision could be taken.

(b) and (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. (*See* below).

(d) Project authorities and the concerned agencies have been advised to furnish the requisite information to enable early appraisal of the projects.

Statement

Thermal Power Projects

S. No.	Name of the Project	Status
1	Godavari CCGT—A.P.	The project was rejected on 10-5-91 due to close proximity to Coringa Sanctuary and likely adverse effect on nesting habitat of Olive Ridley Turtles—Schedule-I. Species under Wildlife-Protection Act.
2	Kayamkulam STPP—Kerala	Cleared on 16-4-92, Stipulating conditions/safeguards.

S. No.	Name of the Project	Status
3	Mangalore STPP, Stage-I, Karnataka	Cleared on 15-1-92.
4	(i) Vindhyachal-STPP-Stage-I—NTPC	Cleared on 25-11-91.
	(ii) Vindhyachal-Stage-II Madhya Pradesh.	Cleared on 26-6-90.
5	Maithon Right Bank TPS—Bihar	The proposal was rejected on 1-11-90 due to non-submission of information.
6	Chandrapur STPP—Stage-I, Maharashtra	This project was rejected on 12-4-1989 due to non-submission of requisite information.
7	Jegurupadu COGT, A.P.	Cleared on 29-10-91.
8	Dholpur TPS, Rajasthan	The site being located within 25 kms of the National Chambal Sanctuary and Van Vihar Reserved Forests was rejected by Environmental Appraisal Committee for thermal power projects as it violates the siting criteria. However, a final decision will be taken after the receipt of the report from Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) on the likely impact on Taj Mahal also.
	Hydro-Electric Projects	
9	Kapili Hydro-electric Project, Assam	Scheme rejected due to non-submission of requisite Action Plans in January, 1986. Details sought in December, 1991 still awaited.
10	Adirapalli Hydro-electric Project, Kerala	Project rejected in October, 1989 due to adverse impacts such as : —Loss of teak plantation and forest rich in biological diversity; —Loss of habitat of wild elephant and some endangered species; —Extinction of aquatic life down stream of the reservoir; and —Drying up of natural Adirapalli falls.
11	Puyamkutty Hydro-electric Project, Kerla	Approved in June, 1985.

Privatisation in Various Fields in the Ministry

199. SHRI MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to introduce privatisation in various fields under the Ministry of Environment and Forests ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) and (b) There is no proposal to privatise any of the institutions under the jurisdiction of this Ministry. Networking of research activity, farming out consultancy assignments to experts and supporting such activities of non-governmental organisations as are conducive